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To designate the week of March 12–18, 1995, as “National Manufacturing Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. D’AMATO (for himself and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, throughout the history of the United States, manufacturing has contributed substantially to the economic well-being of the Nation;

Whereas manufacturing is an essential yet often overlooked component of the economic foundation of the United States;

Whereas a strong manufacturing industry contributes to continued growth, prosperity, and high-paying jobs in every other sector of the national economy;

Whereas manufacturing directly employs more than 18 million workers, and at least 18 million workers in the serv-

ice sector depend on a sound manufacturing sector for their jobs;

Whereas manufacturing accounts for many of the highest paying jobs in the economy, and manufacturing wages are 20 percent higher on the average than nonmanufacturing wages;

Whereas, in the 1980's, manufacturing increased from 20 to 23 percent of the gross national product and manufacturing productivity in the last decade has increased at an annual rate of 3.6 percent, 3 times faster than the rate at which nonmanufacturing activity has increased;

Whereas the quality revolution has been one of the most important factors contributing to the recent resurgence of manufacturing in the United States;

Whereas manufacturing is an important source of tax revenue for the Federal Government, and State and local governments;

Whereas the continued leadership of the United States in science and technology is inherently linked to the success of manufacturing;

Whereas manufactured goods account for more than 80 percent of the trade deficit of the United States, indicating that manufacturing is especially important to overall national competitiveness and international trade;

Whereas a sound manufacturing economy is an essential preconditioning for a strong national defense;

Whereas the Nation's schoolchildren should be educated about job opportunities in manufacturing; and

Whereas the people of the United States should be educated about the role manufacturing plays in the economy, inter-

national competitiveness, and the standard of living of the Nation, and about the challenges and changing nature of manufacturing: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the week of March 12–18, 1995, is
- 2 designated as “National Manufacturing Week”, and the
- 3 President is authorized and requested to issue a proclama-
- 4 tion calling on the people of the United States to observe
- 5 the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

